



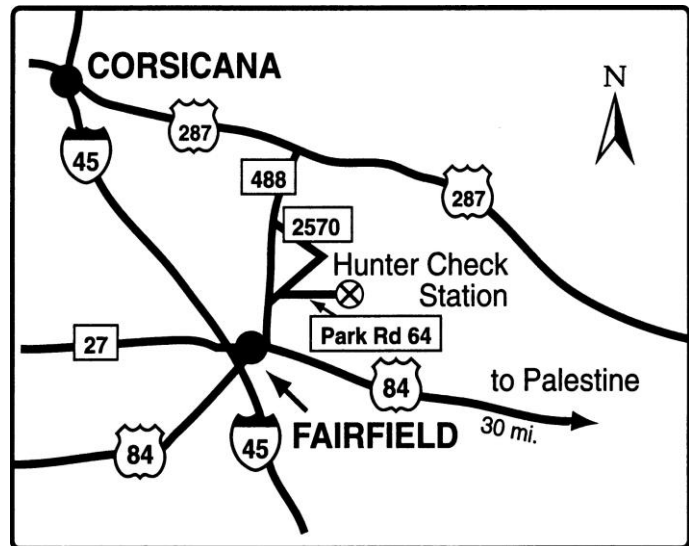
FAIRFIELD LAKE STATE PARK

BACKGROUND

Fairfield Lake State Park is located 90 miles south of Dallas off IH 45. Take Hwy. 84 exit at Fairfield east to FM 488 north to FM 2570 east to FM3285/Park Road 64. This 1460-acre preserve is located adjacent to 2400-acre Fairfield Lake, which is known for its excellent sport fishing as well as the abundant wildlife found in the park.

Freestone County is located in the heart of Texas' Post Oak Savannah belt. In addition to deer, a population of feral hogs frequents the park and may be taken during permitted hunts.

Objectives of the department are to restore and maintain healthy populations of native fauna and flora in natural habitats and to provide for compatible public use. Where game populations exceed carrying capacity of the habitat, the preferred method of reduction is public hunting. For more information call (903) 389-4514.



HUNTING INFORMATION

NOTICE: All park rules and regulations must be adhered to unless superseded by hunting regulations.

Permitted hunter should report to the Park by 9:30 a.m. and standby hunters should report to Park headquarters by 10:30 a.m. on the first day of the hunt period to complete the application process. Standby hunters will be drawn at 11:00 a.m. as vacancies permit. **Hunters must contact the area as soon as possible if they are unable to attend their accepted hunt or not able to arrive on the first day for orientation.** Following a brief orientation, hunters will be taken to their blinds by Texas Parks and Wildlife personnel. Hunters must hunt only in assigned blinds. Hunting will end at 12:00 p.m. on the final day of the assigned hunt.

Hunters must visibly wear a minimum of 400 square inches of daylight fluorescent orange material, with at least 144 square inches appearing on both chest and back and orange headwear.

Only one legally permissible weapon per hunter will be allowed into the hunt area. Rim-fire ammunition is prohibited. Use of dogs is prohibited. Non-permitted visitors and family members will not be allowed on the Park during hunts, unless a non-hunting adult assisting a permitted handicapped hunter.

Hunters will be responsible for the reasonable care of their game after harvest. No facilities for deer storage will be available on the Park, but commercial facilities are available in surrounding area.

Hunters are reminded that they must have a valid Texas Hunting License, any required as required by statute. It is no longer necessary to use a hunting license tag or bonus tag for on a deer taken during a Special Permit drawn hunt however a TPWD Legal Deer Tag, issued at the area, must be attached to a harvested deer prior to leaving the hunt area. Hunters 17 years of age and older must have in their possession a driver's license or personal identification certificate. Hunter Safety Education is required of Texas hunters born on or after September 2, 1971 (see the Texas Parks & Wildlife Outdoor Annual for more information).

Each hunter should also bring a flashlight, food, drinking water, and foul weather gear.

Disturbance or removal of plants, rocks, artifacts, or other objects is prohibited.

The display or consumption of alcoholic beverages is prohibited.

Off road vehicle use and hunting from a vehicle is prohibited, except that qualified disabled persons may hunt from a stationary motor vehicle. Use of all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) or off-road vehicles (ORVs) is prohibited, except by qualified disabled persons or an adult directly assisting a disabled person.

Camping will be available on the park for permitted hunters. Multi-purpose campsites with electricity, water and tent pads will be available for use. Reservations are not required in advance. The normal overnight camping fee will be charged to those hunters using the Park's facilities. Phone (512) 389-8900 for camping information. Adequate lodging is available in Fairfield and surrounding area.